



Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary GENERAL (HAIR-HOOK) PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

National Marine Sanctuaries are recognized as resource areas of national significance. Their distinctive characteristics have established them as environmental and historic resources for scientific research and public education. With yearly increases in the number of requests to conduct research and education in National Marine Sanctuaries, guidelines for managing and monitoring such projects are necessary to ensure compatibility with sanctuary goals and objectives and all other sanctuary activities.

Permits may be issued by the National Marine Sanctuary managers under special circumstances for activities otherwise prohibited by sanctuary regulations when related to: research to enhance scientific understanding of the sanctuary environment or to improve management decision-making; or education to further public awareness, understanding, and to establish access, use, and/or understanding of sanctuary resources and wise use of the sanctuary environment.

Anyone conducting prohibited activities without a valid National Marine Sanctuary permit may be subject to the penalties as provided under Section 307 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (as amended). A civil penalty of up to \$100,000 for each violation of any regulation may be levied.

Please submit the information requested below in Microsoft Word or rich text format to: joanne.delaney@noaa.gov. Completed applications may also be submitted to Joanne Delaney, NOAA/FKNMS, P.O. Box 500368, Marathon, FL 33050 or faxed to (305) 743-2357 attn: Joanne Delaney.

Public Reporting Burden

The information requested in these guidelines is necessary to evaluate whether issuance of a permit is appropriate. The information is used to evaluate the potential benefits of the activity, to determine whether the proposed methods will achieve the proposed results, and to evaluate any possible detrimental environmental impacts. It is through this evaluation and the tracking of all otherwise prohibited activities that the NMSP is able to use permitting as one of the management tools to protect Sanctuary resources and qualities. Submittal of the information requested in these guidelines is required to obtain a permit pursuant to National Marine Sanctuary Regulations (15 CFR part 922). NOAA will make all possible attempt to protect any proprietary business information that is marked as confidential, consistent with applicable Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) law, should any FOIA request be made.

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A. PRIMARY APPLICANT INFORMATION (*Vessel captain and/or primary fisherman*):

Name:

Company/Business name:

Mailing address (*include street or post office box, city, state, and zip code*):

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

B. SECONDARY APPLICANT INFORMATION (*First mate or other company employee who intends to be secondary fisherman under permit*):

Name:

Company/Business name:

Mailing address (*include street or post office box, city, state, and zip code*):

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

C. QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN SECTIONS A AND B ABOVE:

(Please provide one or more of the following: Previous FKNMS baitfish permit number(s), documentation of valid Islamorada occupational license for charterboat fishing, and/or documentation of valid USCG Captain's License. If none of the above apply, please provide rationale for permit application and explanation of other relevant qualifications, including description and number of years of fishing experience.)